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FICTION

After

by Golden, Marita

A policeman who has built himself a life of privilege finds it all coming undone after an accidental shooting.

All Aunt Hagar's Children: stories

by Jones, Edward P.

14 elegant tales of people caught between the ways of the old and the new South, by the Pulitzer prize-winning author of The Known World.

Apex hides the hurt

by Whitehead, Colson

A consultant is brought in to rename a town in this comic look at marketing and contemporary culture.

Baby Brother's Blues

by Cleage, Pearl

Con man "Baby Brother" affects two women in surprising ways.

First Lady

by Weber, Carl

Dying Charlene, First Lady of First Jamaican ministries, writes some letters plotting her husband's future after she is gone.

Fortunate Son

by Mosley, Walter

Separated stepbrothers; one white, one black; one lucky, one not; reunite.

God Don't Play

by Monroe, Mary

Lifelong friends are faced with a mysterious, anonymous tormentor.

I say a little Prayer

by Harris, E. Lynn

Chauncey Greer, the owner of Cute Boy Card Company, takes a stand in church against homophobia.

Jump at the Sun

by McLarin, Kim

Writer-in-residence at Emerson College, McLarin writes of mothers and daughters and the challenges they face in today's world.

****New Boy***

by Houston, Julian

In the 1950's a Virginia boy becomes the first African-American student in a Connecticut boarding school. (Author is Justice Houston of the Superior Court of MA.)

Porch Stories

by Parker Rhodes, Jewell

A tribute to the author's grandmother and the importance of family sharing memories together.

Red River

by Tademy, Lalita

Three-generational saga of a Louisiana family, by the author of Cane River.

****Standing against the wind***

by Jones, Traci L.

A wild-haired girl wins a scholarship and discovers that life has much to offer.

****Street Love***

by Myers, Walter Dean

A Harlem tale of star-crossed urban love told in free verse.

****Time's Memory***

by Lester, Julius

A Dogon spirit inhabits the body of a slave brought to Virginia just before the Civil War.

What they Want

by Tyree, Omar

Sexy male model and lover-boy Terrance doesn't want to ever settle down, but things change.

Wild Stars Seeking Midnight Suns

by Cooper, J. California

Down-home stories of ordinary women — their dreams and their personal growth.

**young adult*

NONFICTION

365 days/365 plays

by Suzan-Lori Parks

PS3566.A736A25 2006

After the Storm: Black intellectuals explore the meaning of Hurricane Katrina

ed. by David Dante Troutt

E185.615.A594 2006

Audacity of hope: thoughts on reclaiming the American dream

by Barack Obama

E901.1.O23A3 2006

Before the legend: the rise of Bob Marley

by Christopher John Farley

ML420.M3313F37 2006

Black Woman's Guide to Black Men's Health

by Andrea King Collier

RA777.8.C63 2007

***Carrying Jackie's Torch:
the players who integrated
baseball...and America***

by Steve Jacobson
GV865.A1J34 2007

***Celebrations: rituals of peace
and prayer***

by Maya Angelou
PS3551.N464C45 2006

***Civil Rights movement in
American memory***

Ed by Renee C. Romano and
Leigh Raiford
E185.615.C87 2006

Covenant with Black America

Intro by Tavis Smiley
E185.86.c28 2006

***Death by Black Hole: and other
cosmic quandaries***

by Neil deGrasse Tyson
QB843.B55T97 2007

***Enough: the phony leaders,
dead-end movements and
culture of failure that are
undermining Black America
— and what we can do about it***

by Juan Williams
E185.615.W49155 2006

***Finding Oprah's roots: finding
your own***

by Henry Louis Gates, Jr
E185.96.G383 2007

For the Confederate dead

by Kevin Young
PS3575.O798F67

***\$40 million slaves: the rise, fall
and redemption of the black
athlete***

by William Rhoden
GV583.R46 2006

Hand to guide me

by Denzel Washington
BF637.M45W37 2006

***Hip-hop church: connecting
with the movement shaping
our culture***

by Efrem Smith and Phil Jackson
BR563.N4S5735 2005

Hoops: poems

by Major Jackson
PS3610.A354H66 2006

***House that Trane built: the story
of Impulse Records***

by Ashley Kahn
ML3792.K34 2006

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is a list of recent
books and movies
concerning the
African American experience,
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Boston Public Library's
observance of
Black History Month and our
year-round celebration of
African-American literature
and culture.

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If the Creek don't rise: my life out West with the last Black Widow of the Civil War

by Rita Williams

E185.97.W73A3 2006

In Search of Nella Larsen: a biography of the color line

by George Hutchinson

PS3523.A72225Z69 2006

Jim Brown: the fierce life of an American Hero

by Mike Freeman

GV939.B75F74 2006

Legacy: treasures of black history

Ed. by Thomas C. Battle &

Donna M. Wells

E185.53.W3M66 2006

Letters to a young brother: manifest your destiny

by Hill Harper

BJ1671.H35 2006

Lions don't eat us

by Constance Quarterman

Bridges

PS3602.R5335L56 2006

Living Black History: how reimagining the African-American past can remake American's racial future

by Manning Marable

E184.65.M37 2006

Other Black Bostonians: West Indians in Boston, 1900 – 1950

by Violet Showers Johnson

F73.7.W54J64

Out of the shadows: a biographical history of African American athletes

Ed by David Wiggins

GV697.A1W534 2006

Piece of cake

by Cupcake Brown

F869.S22B76 2006

Steel drivin' man: John Henry, the untold story of an American legend

by Scott Reynolds Nelson

E185.97.H455N45 2006

Waiting 'til the midnight hour: a narrative history of Black power in America

by Peniel Joseph

E185.615.J68 2006

DVDs

We are the ones we have been waiting for: inner light in a time of darkness

by Alice Walker

PS 3573.A425W43 2006

What I know for sure: my story of growing up in America

by Tavis Smiley w David Ritz

PN1992.4.S59A3 2006

Will you die with me? : my life and the Black Panther Party

by Flores A. Forbes

E185.97.F685A3 2006

Akeelah and the Bee

Catch a Fire

Dave Chapelle's Block Party

Dreamgirls

Inside Man

Last King of Scotland

Pursuit of Happiness



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